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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: STB Docket No. AB-1072X
Iowa River Railroad, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The undersigned has received from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (the Commenter") a copy of a letter dated May 16, 2012 which was submitted to the Board in the above-referenced proceeding in the form of Comment which contained several requests. Included in the letter Comment was a request for the imposition of a public use condition in two parts; a) an order prohibiting the removal of tracks, ties and signal equipment for 180 days from the effective date of the Board's decision authorizing abandonment, and b) an order barring the removal of trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels for a similar 180 day period. In addition, the Comment included a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility for trail use pursuant to the National Trails System Act (the "Act").

On July 11, 2012 Commenter filed an amendment letter in which it withdrew its request for an order prohibiting the removal of tracks, ties and signal equipment for 180 days from the effective date of the Board's decision.

Iowa River Railroad, Inc. ("IRR") is agreeable to the Commenter's request, as amended, that any order concerning salvage activities be confined to the removal of trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels for a 180 day time period. Further, IRR is willing to enter into good-faith negotiations with the Commenter concerning the transfer of the right-of-way land to the Commenter for trail use pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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